

RESOLUTION NUMBER 189

JIMMIE IRONS

***WHEREAS*, Jimmie Irons, was the fifth of seven children born to the late James Irons and Gustine McIntyre Irons on September 22, 1938 in Caruthersville, Missouri. He moved to St. Louis, Missouri at an early age and continued his education at Divoll Elementary School through Charles Sumner High School. Following high school, he served in the United States Marine Corps. Upon discharge, he enrolled in Harris Teachers College in September, 1958 and graduated in January, 1963; and**

***WHEREAS*, perhaps the most significant event of his early years was when he met and began a life long love affair with Doris Ann Rutledge while both were attending Harris-Stowe; and**

***WHEREAS*, following college graduation, Jimmie started another “love affair” with the St. Louis public school system, which lasted for more than 40 years. Included in this career were positions as classroom teacher, consummate principal and a brief stint in a staff position at the school board headquarters. During this long and distinguished career, he was always a mentor to many; and**

***WHEREAS*, Jimmie’s zest for life, love of family and friends was well known; however, he knew he had to leave for a while. Having done all he could to foster these relationships and being an obedient servant, when his Master called, he went in peace on September 19, 2007; and**

***WHEREAS*, He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of 44 years, Doris Irons; son Byron (Karen) Irons of St. Louis, MO; daughter, Kimberly Irons Washington of Stafford, VA; brother, James Irons of St. Louis, MO; sister, Viola Robinson of St. Louis, MO; three grandchildren: Daren, Khadijah and Jelani; surrogate daughter niece, Rachel DeBaun; three nephews: Michael DeBaun, Mark DeBaun, and Jerome Robinson; two nieces: Wanda Johnson and Gloria Robinson; and a host of extended family members and friends; and**

***WHEREAS* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that, on behalf of the St. Louis community, we pause to remember the many contributions of Jimmie Irons to the citizens of the City of St. Louis, and we join with his many friends in expressing our sorrow at his passing, and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy for presentation to the family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.**

Introduced on the 12th day of October, 2007 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman, 4th Ward

Adopted this the 12th day of October, 2007 as attested by: